THE CHANGE AT THE OPERA

HOW NEW YORKERS TOOK THE FIEST PROMENADE CONCERT.

They Seemed Timid About Smoking Within the Sacred Precincts of the Metropol-itan, and Few Ventured Even to Promeunde-A Close Inspection of the Batter. It took the audience at the Metropolitan on Saturday night some little time to become ac-customed to the changed condition of the buildtentatively and modestly, as though they ex

ing. The first men who began to smoke did it pected to be reprimanded any minute and told that it was against the rules. There were no seats on the floor of the auditorium, which had been reserved for the promenade. But the audience indicated no intention to availitself of this privilege. New Yorkers are not accustomed to promenading" in places of amusement, and the result was that on Saturday night everybody stood up and got very tired, or climbed up the steps and took seats in the balconies, Occasionally a few pioneers made the circuit of the room, but they did it more with the air of being on an investigating tour, and they peered about them with more of the indifference and ease of the habitual "promenader." After to-night there wil be seats provided in the corridor in the auditorium that runs about the elevated platform. and doubtless there will soon be tables and chairs about the band stand, which is the one thing needed at present. The Sunday night concert proved that the acoustics are very much better when the band stand is placed on the stage than when it is rolled down into the middle of the auditorium, and this arrangement of the house is so much more symmetrical that it will probably be ad sted permanently. After the concert had concluded on Saturday

night the stage manager appeared and an-nounced that the floor would have to be cleared for the bicycle march, and the spectators climbed down to the level of the auditorium and stood about the platform, which left only their heads visible. The musicians climbed down through a trap door, and the band stand was ready to be moved back out of the way. A woman who played the harp in a dress with a pair of large puffed sleaves was the only person on it when the spectators watched to see it start backward. They were delayed some time. The stand refused to budge. The spectators began to applaud and whistle, but the band stand was immovable. The lady harpist smiled reassuringly at the audience, which was rapidly becoming disposed to treat the supposedly movable grand stand with sittle respect. But after a long wait it started to move slowly lack, and as it proceeded toward the stage there was no spot apparent through which the musiclans and disappeared. Seldl and the rest of clans had disappeared. Seldl and the rest of them had evidently gone down through a trap-door, but there was no sign of it, and hobody had seen them walk from the stand to the exits at the side of the stage. So these facts com-bined with the presence on the stand of he one woman in the orchestraled to the report that Seldl and his men were down stairs under the stand making it move. Whether or not that is the real secret of its mechanism the thing, after a dignified and dediferate progress, reached the

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'Inecrowd waited expectantly for the march called "Wheeling and Wooling," which the programme announced would be accompanied with novel electric effects," and the implication in the stage manager's speech that there would be garls on bicycles, kept the interest up to a high point of suspense. It needed such an impetus, for in the lack of experience of a first night's performance the preparations dragged until it was almost midnight before the programme was finished. Finaily the curtain was raised, and at the rear of the stage were seen about two dozen women wailing to mount the bicycles which they held at their sides. On the hand stand was achorus of a dozen girls dressel in Wattenu costumes. The raiders were dressel as shepherds and shepherdesses, and on the front of every wheel there was a shepherd's crook, surmounted by a bunch of flowers. The women with skirts rode women's wheels, and when the word was given the mount was made se successfully that only one girl was left behind. She caught up after a whice, and the women rade around the auditorium expertiy enough, but there were no managuves and probatny seven of every ten women in the building would have done it just as well. The band played and the woman's chorus sang, but only when the lights were lowered did the audience indicate any particular enthusiasm over the scene. When it was dark the wheels of the bicycles were lit with carcolored lights, the bunches of flowers on the crooks were illuminated, and the girls rode around to the appiause of the audience. When they had gotten behind the curtait and the lights were turned up again there was another amuonneement from the stage nadence. When he was anoth view made the struggle for places in the front line shart each bitter, and for nearly ten minutes the men waited patiently for the dancers to appear. When they did the effect was disappointing. There were only twenty-four wemen in the ballet, and none of them came near the crowd. The small number dancing on such a large floor was not effective, and that portion of the programme was the least successful. The short ballet was the dance of the Houri, taken from "La Gioconda," and the symbolism was a little obscure.

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The difficulty about the entertainment at present is that the bleyeles and the dancing prevent the placing of chairs and tables on the main floor, and that is undoubtedly a necessary feature to the success of the enterprise. The concerts are unusually good, and the arrangements for an informal summer centertainment ments for an informal summer entertainment were never devised in a more generally satisfac-fory manner. The vandeville wing of the pro-grammels of good quality, and the Opera House has shown itself to be adapted to such a form of entertainment. With certain attractions there has shown itself to be adapted to such a form of entertainment. With certain attractions these should be no doubt of the success of the scheme

ESCAPED FROM A POLICE COURT.

A Prisoner Walks Out While the Com-plaint Against Him Was Being Brawn Up.

William R. Appleton of 830 Hedford avenue, Brooklyn, made his escape from the Centre Street Police Court yesterday afternoon. The arrest was made by Policeman Eigen of the Church street station, who took his prisoner to the police court. There the complainant, Francis Turner, a lawyer with an office at 45 Broadway, was in waiting. Turner charges Appleton with having stolen an overcoat, a box of cigars. Twice Separated and Now Fighting for and other small articles from his office, the whole of the value of \$42. The prisoner was taken inside of the railing

and told to stand on one side until the complaint was made out. Appleton walked over to the porth end of the room and stood near a table at which several Gerry society men and reporters society men and reporters left the court room. and it is thought that Appleton made his escape through the gate with them, the policeman in charge believing him to be one of the party.

The escape was not noticed for perhaps five minutes after Appleton left the police court, and its discovery was made by Eigen, who was standing with the complainant at the clerk's desk waiting for the papers to be made out. Not seeing his prisoner near the table, as he expected, the policeman made a search of the room and then rushed breathlessly up to the complainant and told him that Appleton had got away. At the suggestion of the Magistrate Eigen went out into the street, but could find no traces of the missing man, for then resurned to court and informed Magistrate Simons what had happened.

"I am very sorry for you," said Mr. Simms, "but I do not see how I can do anything for you. I can certainly do nothing but I have to go and eatch him." minutes after Appleton left the police court,

and catch him."

Lawyer Turner and Eigen then left the court, the latter a very crestfallen man.

Sergeant Langan of the Criminal Court squad preferred charges later for neglect of duty against Policeman Michael Murphy, the gateman who guarded the exit through which Appleten got away. The policeman's instructions are to pass no one, except policemen, counsel, and witnesses, and that unless he personally knows the man not to pass him without orders.

DORETHA KLEINER'S PAST. Mr. Elelner Isn't Particular About It, His Wife bays.

Justice Gaynor of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn has granted to Doretha Kleiner \$25 counsel fee to defend the suit of Herman Kleiner against her for an absolute divorce. Mr. Kleiner accuses his wife of infidelity with one Jack Lewis, and also avers that before his marriage to her she had lived with one Kraus as his wife for eight years and had a child by him, although she represented herself a wildow and childles. In her allidavit Mrs. Kleiner says "When Herman kleiner offered to marry me he said he did not wish to know anything about me, although I wanted to tell him everything. "Never mind, he said, "what you or I did defore we got married, as long as you marry me, I don't care what you did in the

FOSTER-SON OF POOR POLKS. Rich Mrs. Hogo Curries Off Her Grandso

From a Street Sweeper's Mome A long search of Mrs. Sophia Hoge, said to be a wealthy woman of Philadelphia, for the son Harry of her own deceased son ended resterday, before Justice Truax of the Supreme Court, in the grandmother getting the custody

f the boy, but against his will.

The father and mother of the boy, who is ow 11 years old, separated nine years ago, after domestic differences. The father, who had consumption, went to the home of his parents in Philadelphia and died. The boy and been left with his mother. The father of the boy asked his own mother to try and find

Harry and care for him.

For seven years the grandmother has been making inquiries in this city for the boy. Al she could learn was that when his mother be came ill she had given the boy into the cus sty of some family. One day she saw a boy

came III she had given the bey into the custedy of some family. One day she saw a boy entering a public school that hore a strong resemblance to her son. She had hit on the cheeflent of watching the entrances of the boys' schools. She went into the school, keeping watch on the boy, and was informed by the teacher that the bey was hisrry Zimmermann, residing at 720 East 105th street.

Mrs. Hoge called on the Zimmermanns, who are without children of their own. Mrs. Zimmermann acknowledged that the boy was not her own, but that Mrs. Hoge had, when very ill, asked her to care for him. Zimmermann is a sweeper in the Street Cleaning Department. Mrs. Zimmermann said that she and her hushand loved the boy as if he were their own. They refused to part with him.

Mrs. Hoge then obtained a wr! of habeas corpus for the production of the boy. In order to hold the boy. Zimmermann made a demand of \$1,000 for his keep, thinking that the grandmother would not give such a sum. Mrs. Hoge considered the amount too large, but said she would pay for the support of the child. Mrs. Hoge said she would pay what the Court thought was proper.

Justics Traxx said that the child could not be held for compensation, and all he could do would be to order the child turned over to the grandmother, who had the right to its custody. The child cried at the prospect of parting with the Zimmermanns, between whom he sat in court, and tears filled the seys of the Zimmermanns when they let him go, with a kiss. The matter of the compensation that will be paid the Zimmermanns was left to the counsel of both parties. It was said that Mrs. Hoge is worth \$250,000.

NOW FOR WEAKFISH!

Three Squetengus Captured off States

The first weakfish of the season is a prize which the anglers in New York and Jersey waters contend for with extraordinary stub borness every spring. In many instances bets upon favorites run high, but it very often hap pens that the talent is left far behind by the ignorant and the innocent.

Last Sunday Spence Kerr, in his brand-new "little yaller boat," went out to fish in the Great Kills of Staten Island. He was accompanied by a black bottle, a green basket, a bam boo rod, a box of eigars, a chunk of ice, and Hitch Harrison. Among the high-toned anglers of the Great Kills, Spence is not considered an expert; some of them even go so far as to call him a common cel bobber, and, as for Hitch, he is looked upon as a flounder fisher. But, although they have little concelt of cast, their records are good, and their daubers float high. Spence pulled leisurely over to the fishing ground, where there were about a dozen boats anchored and manned by oblitime fishermen. Salutes and compliments of the season were exchanged, after which Spence and Hitch got down to business with hooks baited with shrimp. Suddenly Spence's dauber disappeared. He struck and fastened his bonding rod while the lish struggled, but Spence was in a hurry. He wound up his line to the desired distance and then lifted the fish into the boat. There was an inquiring expression in the faces a common cel bobber, and, as for Hitch, he is distance and then litted the fish into the boat. There was an inquiring expression in the faces of the lishermen in the other boats, but some of them affected to make light of the exploit by mentioning the word herring. Soon all doubts were dispelled. Spence and litter rose up in the boat, waved their caps, and uttered most unearthly yells. They had captured the prize, the first weakfish of the season! Now it was litten's turn. In short order he brought in two weakfish. All further efforts on the part of the favorites proved fruitiess. They haded up their anchors and pulled for the shore. Spence and flitch were the flons of the day. Their three bespangled bewules were admired by all the gueste of the two hotels at the Kills, and three bespanged bewards were admired by an the guests of the two hotels at the Kills, and the opening of the fishing season was celebrated in due and ancient form.

If the warm weather continues it is expected that weakinsh will be plentiful in a week.

SMITHTOWN'S FISH WAR.

Shad and Nissequogue Trout Figure in a Town Election.

There is a fish war in Smithtown, L. I., between the shad fishermen on the one side and the trout fishermen and the town authorities on the other, the cause of the contention being the fishing privileges of the Nissequogue river. This river is a natural trout stream, but many shad are there, and the number of the latter has fry in the stream by the State Fish Commission. At this season the river is always filled with fish making their way up the stream to spawn. The shad fishermen stretch nets across the river.

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The State game and fish laws provide that natural trout streams shall not be netted for fish of any kind, but, as the lower part of the river is sail, this part of the stream is under the furisdiction of the Sulfoik county Supervisors. Some years ago the Supervisors established a line beyond which nets were act to be placed, the line being the peninsula known as flog's Leg. It was also provided that no shad should be taught on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. This was a particularly conoxious prohibition, because Sunday is a favorite fishing day of Smithown folks.

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The trout fishermen were not satisfied either. They said the nicest trout were in the lower end of the river. They appealed to the State Fish and Game Commission to arrest the net fishermen. Commissioner Edward Thompson has the matter under consideration. It the recent town election the fish question was made the issue and the trout man won by a majority of seven votes. He was opposed by many well-known residents, among them being C. Melville Smith. Lather Hailock, teorge Thompson, A. E. Hailock, Melville Brush, and Benjamin Thompson. The shad men expect that some of their number will be arrested, and have made up a fund for their common defence.

THE TROUBLES OF THE SHERMANS. Their Child.

Dr. Abraham L. Sherman, who is suing Mary Ella Sherman for a separation on the ground of desertion, yesterday applied to Justice Gaynor, in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, for the custody of their three-year-old daughter, alleged to have been abducted by the mother. were scated. A few minutes later several of the The plaintiff says that his wife some months ago went on a visit to her mother at Mount ago went on a visit to her mother at Mount Lebanon, Columbia county, taking the child with her, and has refused to return or allow him to see the child. He avers that there is no cause for his wife's action and attributes it to the influence of her mother. He admits that there was a previous separation between them several years ago, but says that since they became reconciled there never had been an unkind word between them.

Mrs. becman says that she had abundant cause for taking the course she did, and that it will all be made clear at the trial of the case. Justice day nor reserved his decision. It, Sherman is a member of the Central Church.

PREFER TO LIVE IN SQUALOR. Wretched Existence of an Old Couple Having \$20,000 Worth of Property.

WATERBURY, May 11.-The Selectmen of Watertown investigated on Saturday the case of John Worrell and his wife, who live on the Watertown road, near the Thomaston line and were said to be destitute. Mr. Worrell is 72 years old and his wife os. They were living in the years old and his wifeous. They were living in the greatest filth. Mr. Worrell, however, was found to have property valued at \$10,000. Mrs. Worrell, who was once a woman of culture, has a collection of curious for which she had an offer of \$5,000. It includes an autograph letter of Frestinent Lincoln and ancient immiture and pattery of all kinds. Sue has a single chair for which she has declined \$250.

The animals on the place were starying, and the notice was maining to pieces. Mrs. Worrell brought up a foundling left on her steps, who is now in the State Industrial School for thirs on account of a maintenance. The girl bears the name of Viola Veranda Left.

Mayor Strong Has a Puzzle on His Hands. Mayor Strong is wondering if the man who sont him a "get-off-the-earth ' puzzle had any ulterior motive in so doing. The Mayor prob ably lost a pound of flesh yesterday afternoon endeavoring to solve it, but he failed. The pursie has us it histeen beligarent Chinamen trying to stay on earth. Part of them are on the outer rim, part on a movable disk. On moving the latter one of the Chinamen disappears, and the problem is to find out which one it is. The history says he'll solve it or bust.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN. THE CITY'S WISE MAN DEAD

IN A SUDDEN RELAYSE RICHARD A STORRS PASSES AWAY.

Nearly Party Years of Mervice in the Pinance Bepartment, Where He Leaves No Successor Truits of a Public Ser-vant Who Was in Love with His Work. The city's wise man is dead. When THE SUN sublished an article about Deputy Comptroller chard Alsop Storrs a week ago to-day, although it was known that he was a very sick man, it was believed that he would get well. He did get better. On Saturday he was up and dressed, as bright and cheery as ever, and was looking forward to a drive on the next day. On Sunday he did not feel quite so well, attributing the slight relapse to the intense heat. In the evening there came a very serious relapse, and at 3 o'clock resterday morning he died. It was a general breakdown from overwork.

The history of Hickard A. Storrs's life for the last forty years is really a history of the mu-



RICHARD ALSOP STORES.

nicipal Government of New York. He was inseparably connected with it. Since 1864, with the exception of the six years that Andrew H. Green was Deputy Comptroller and Comptroller, he was Deputy Comptroller. Since 1857 he had been in the Finance Department, and it can safely be said that there has never been a man connected with the city Government whose death was more sincercly mourned by his fellow employees. Yesterday Mr. Storrs'sdesk and the chair in which he had sat for so many years were draped in black.

Mr. Storrs's ability has never been questioned. There has never been a Comptroller who was not glad to recognize it. Always in a subordinate place, with a chief over him, from the outside world he got little credit. But if the truth be known, many a Comptroller who left office with a fine reputation owed the greater part of it to Mr. Storrs. His sugges-tions became the policies of his superiors. He was content to do the work. He loved the work, and was positively unhappy when away from it. As was said a week ugo, he never lost a day from sickness unto at the end. He would cut short his vacations to get back to his desk. In the end he became so familiar with the business of the city that it would be a daily sight to see him working away, signing a great stack of war-rants, surrounded by a half dozen importunate men, all of whom were asking objections about him working away, signing a great stack of warrants, surrounded by a half dozen innortunate
men, all of whom were asking questions about
all manner of things, which he answered with
unshasen imperurbability, giving instructions
to his clerks in the intervals between his questions. No matter what it might be, there was
never a question put to him concerning the
city's affairs for the last forty years, and a good
many years before, that he could not answer at
once or at least refer immediately to the paper
that contained the required information. As
has been said, he never gave information until
he was asked for it, and he never gave it in a
positive form. It was always "I guess" or "I
believe" or "I think," but his "guesses" were
never wrong.

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He was never known to show irritation or anger unless it was when that hoary campaign story about duplicate payments of city warrants was whooped up anew by some newspayer scribbler. Sometimes if something particularly exasperating occurred he would say "Goodness gracions." The stupidest clerk knew that any reproof he might set from Mr. Storrs for some outrageous blunder would be mild. Others might swear and rage, but he never did. And more than that, no matter how rushed he might be with business, no one ever went to ask him anything that Mr. Storrs did not look up with a smile to answer.

Mr. Storrs had his little peculiarities. He probably died a rich man, how rich nobedy yet knows, but probably much richer than many of his superiors in office. Like most men he had a hobby, and that hobby was the farm and the products thereof. He had a fine farm near New Salem. In Westchester county, and whenever he could tear himself away from his beloved office he would go up there. Now if Mr. Storrs knew a recat deal about nunicipal affairs, his knowledge of farming and agriculture in general was just as therotyph, and it was a rash man who attempted to argue on the subject with him. He was particularly proud of his chickens and apples, and his farm supplied most of the employees office Finance bepartment with those commodities. Eggs, too, he would sell. Hardly a morning tossed that he did not bring to the office some dreased charkens, some apples, or some eggs that some one had ordered, and it has been a joke of long standing

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Mr. Storrs was bere in Oyster Bay on Jan. 10, 1830. His people had been among those who came from connecticut and settled the town in 1657. When a young man he came to New York and began life as a cierk in the book store of Lewis Colby, 122 Nassau street. Later he was employed in the book publishing firm of Cady & Burgess 60 John street, and became the manager. On Mr. Cady's retirement the firm became Daniel Burgess & Co. Mr. Storrs was the junior pariner. At the death of Mr. Storrs was the junior pariner. At the death of Mr. Storrs was appointed clerk in the Finance Department by Comptroller Azariah Flagg. Robert Haws, he next Comptroller Matthew T. Brennan, This office he held under Comptroller His behald to Compolly until 1871, when the Tweed smash came. Mr. Connolly refusing to resign, Mr. Storrs retired from his place in favor of Andrew H. Green, When Mr. Green heamne Comptroller in 1873 Mr. Storrs continued to occupy a confidential place near him and was found to be simply indispensable in straightening out the tangle of accounts. John Kelly made him deputy again in 1877, and he had held the place since, Mr. Storrs pever was a politician, and was liked by Democrats and Remulbleans.

Arras gements for the funeral have not yet been completed nor the time set. He will probably be buried from the Park Avenue Hotel, where he held lived for several years and where he died. The pail hearers selected are Andrew H. Green, E. V. Loew, Theodore W. Myers, excomptrollers, and Ashbel F. Fitch, the present Comptrollers, and Ashbel F. Fitch, the present Comptrollers and Source and Remulbians. Biglow.

Mr. Storrs was a member of the Manhattan Club, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the Cheinnall, the Heneral Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, and the Moderation

HE SQUEEZED; SHE KICKED.

An Insulting Youth Gets Ninety Days for Pulling Miss Davis's Leg. MONTCLAIR, May 11. Matt Nyman, young and fresh, was sentenced to ninety day; im-prisonment in the county just this morning for "pulling a young woman's leg." Nyman lives here, and the complainant, Miss Rose Davis, lives in Orange. She was a passenger last night on the stage coach running between Montchir and West Orange. Nyman had a seat in the stage. According to the ellow told in court this morning, Nyman, while seated concested Miss Davie, stooped as if to nick up something on the floor. To the surprise and horror of the young waman from Drange, Nyman grasped one of her logs just below the knee and someward it. Miss Davis blushed, gasned, rounded to, slapped Nyman's face, and with her unoccupied from kicked blim. Before the Recorder young Nyman's excuse of drankenness did not go neither did his piece of "don't remember." His leep pulling will cost him ninety days time in jail. last night on the stage coach running be-

A Syndicate Buys an Ice-making Plant. The ice plant of the Consumers' Hygiene Ice Manufacturing Company, at 406 to 420 East Fifty-third street, was sold by order of the court yesteriny. It brought \$51,000 cash, and the purchasers are a sydicate of butchers and restaurant keopers, among whom are Nathan Clark of Twenty-third street, Luer Immen, Fred H. Kastens, ex-Alderman W. P. Rinckhoff, Emil Lang, and Louis Struver.

The story of Rudyard Kipling's appeal to ermont law for protection against his brotherin-law, Beatty S. Balestler, was read with in terest by the men here who knew the inter several years ago when he was employed on a New York newspaper, and they read between the lines more than appeared in the Brattle-

boro despatches.
"Beatty Balestler feared Kipling more than any man in this world," said an acquaintance of Halestier's, "Not physically, of course, for Kipling is no athlete, but he dreaded his sharp words. The relations between Beatty Balestier and Kipling have always been strained. Kipling and Kipling have always been strained. Kipling seemed to despise his brother-in-law, and litale-stier frequently complained that Kipling never lost an opportunity to say sharp things to him. Kipling's you had been strong that he sarcasem, was bitter. I suspected several years ago that the feeling of antagonism which had been growing between the two men would culminate in a personal encounter. Kibling is not a gonal man, and he isn't pountar even with his Vermont neighbors. It amused me to see the statement printed that there was a large fortune in the fadestier family. That is untrue. The halestiers are by no means people of wealth. They lived in Kochesfer comfortably, but very moiestly. Reatty's brother, tharles Wolcott Fadestier, was Kipling's most intimate friend in London, where he had the faculty of surrounding himself with the people who were best known.

"Paddy's Market," which was established years ago when New York wasn't half the city that it is now, still flourishes on Ninth avenue on Saturday evenings, and its hundreds of orches light one side of the avenue from Thirty-eighth street to Forty-second. It is a series of bargain wagons for housewives seeking to lay in a supply of food for Sunday. It
was in full blast last Saturday night, and it
suggested a section of Essex street during business hours. Carts stand along the curb as
closely as they can be crowded, and in each is a
loud voiced hucksier extolling his wares, which
may be fish flesh, fowl, or vegetables. Frequently cut lowers and potted plants are offered
for sale. Prices below the regular market rates
prevail, and the crowd of buyers surge back and
forth, picking up a bargain in meat here, a basket of vegetables there, and waiting at the next
cart to hear the amusing or pathetic tale of the
huckster. They have a rough and rendy wit,
those street venders, and they know that they
frequently make a customer by a quick response
to a casual remark. This market is more like
that to be found in a country town on the market day of the farmers. series of bargain wagons for housewives seek-"For business reasons," said an Omaha man,

"when I came last week I registered at a Brooklyn hetel, and the experience that followed shook my nerves a bit. The clerk assigned me to a room that was large and light, and in every way satisfactory. There was the usual hotel bureau at one side of the room, and as soon as my baggage came up I unpacked my clothes and laid them on the bed preparatory to putting them away in the bureau drawers. Two solid looking metal handles were attached to the top drawer, and as I grabbed them to draw it open the sensation that took possession of me made me suspect that I had received a stroke of paralysis. It was a fierce shock that enapted my chin down hard. I released the handles with difficulty and rang the bell for aid. As I sat there waiting for the hall boy I pinched my legs and arms, and found that there was feeling in each. I could wak, and I came to the conclusion that If I had suffered from a stroke of paralysis it was a light one. The beil boy summoned the cierk, and when the latter saw the room that I was in and heard my story of the shock he launded and then apologized. They had assigned me to a room frequently occupied by the proprietor's son, who was a mechanical genius. To protect the bureau drawer he had brought down the electric light wire and attached it to one of the metal handles. I got the full force of the current, and my herves wern't right during the rest of the day. I am very shy of hastern hotel bureaus now." solid looking metal handles were attached to the

taining has developed some queer results. A week ago a young woman who lives on Park avenue invited her friends to a tea in a big moving van which had been fitted up in Oriental style, and which was drawn by four gentle horses. Invitations have just been sent out by a woman whose name frequently figures on the society lists for a ferryboat tea. This is an ensociety lists for a ferryboat tea. This is an enlargement and improvement of the moving van idea. It is proposed to use one of the new twin screw ferryboats of the Hoboken line, and when the decorators get through with it the New Jersey commuters won't recognize it. The boat will be thoroughly cleaned and the eather will be insale attractive with hangings and colored lights. The woman who is organizing this floating tea selected the evening of May 26 because if clear a fail moon will light the decks. The ferryboat will take on the New Yorkers in the party at the fost of West Fourteenth street, and then it will make a trip up the Hudson and back and other craft are warned to keep out of and then it will make a trip up the Hudson and back, and other craft are warned to keep out of the way.

A congenial combination of young men whose business hours are short, and who cannot get away during the summer for a long vacation, did not bring to the office some dressed that he did not bring to the office some dressed chickens, some apples, or some eggs that some one had ordered, and it has been a joke of long standing that he never cut the market price.

His fordness for country life has often led his associates to say: associates to say:
"Now, Mr. Storrs, why don't you get out of this?" You have at least chough money to live in life as a small freighter. She isn't a slicka yacht by her owner, although she started out looking boat by any means, but she is roomy pass therest of your days in peace, and give up this grind?"

The suggestion always seemed almost to frighten the old man.

No, no, no, no, he would say, throwing up his hands. "I couldn't hid would be worth living without this work. I want to die in the harness."

And so he did, and leaves no successor. As one of the men in his department said yesterday:

"We're going to miss the old man. Everything is going smoothly now, but no one knows when some knot will have to be untangled, and it's then that we shall want Mr. Storrs."

Mr. Storrs was born in Oyster Bay on Jan. 10, 1810. His people had been among those who came from connecticut and settled the town in 1657. When a young man he came to New York and began life as a clerk in the book store of Lewis Colby, 122 Nassau street. Later he was employed in the book publishing firm of Cady & Burgess, 60 John street, and became the Cady & Burgess, 60 John street, and became the Cady & Burgess, 60 John street, and became the Cady & Burgess, 60 John street, and became the Cady & Burgess, 60 John street, and became the Cady & Burgess, 60 John street, and became the Cady & Burgess, 60 John street, and became the Cady & Burgess, 60 John street, and became the and a good weather beat. When the young men who hire her get through their work they

One of the unsatisfactory features of Victor Flechter's trial for the theft of the Bott violin was the fact that the jurymen were compelled to pass upon a purely technical question which even violin experts would have hesitated to answer without special knowledge and preparation. Whether the violin in court was of French er Italian make was a vital Issue in establishing Flechter's guilt or innocence, and it was a ques ion not in any case to be decided finally by the knowledge of taymen. No juror could tell from a casual examination whether the instrument a casual examination whether the instrument was made by Stradivarius in Cremona or Nicolas lidder in Fars, and the testimony of an expert could alone have been satisfying on this point. A correspondent of The Sex suggests that a European authority on whom both sides had agreed could have best settled this question, and by such a selection another element which imperilied the fairness of the trial would have been eliminated. Most of the expert winnesses in the Fiechier case were business rivals of the detendant, and in various other ways there were personal elements in the trial which affected the evidence given on both sides. In the case of a well-known European expert to whom the disputed viola could have been submitted, there would have been no grounds for charges of professional interest or insufficient knowledge of the question.

Germany has been on the verge of a Cabinet crisis for everal weeks. The first warning of the trouble among the highest officials of the empire was given by the fall of tien. Von Nobody has explained just why Spitz fell, but n an article that attempts to do so, the Cologne transité suggests reasons that probably will seem more than sufficient to persons outside Germany. The Gatette says that it was incumbent upon him in his department to attend to the Stratvolistreckungsangegelegenheiten, the Militarrectaenguisswesen, and the whole Mili-taerjustizwesen. Resides, his office required that he take charge of all the bills regarding the Militaerprocessordnung and consult with he Chancollor as to the Soureme Richsmitttherperichtsinstant and the Supreme Reichsallitaergerichtshof. Is it any wonder then that when he foresaw the failure of the Militherstrafprocessetiwarf he felt moved by Gesundheitsruecksichten to quit?

The Color Line in Fiorida.

Boston, May 11. Owing to the arrest of the teachers and patrons of the Grange Park School, ment which makes it a penal offence to conduct in Florida a school in which white and black persons are instructed together, the school, which is conducted by the American Missionary Association, has been closed. The Sheriff stated that he had been instructed to make the arrests and to continue to make them as long as the school should be continued. at Grange Park, Fla., for violating an enact

PANTATATO PLEAD GUILTY.

EX-POLICE CAPTAIN CARPENTER'S TRIAL INTERRUPTED. Accused of Taking Bribes to Protect

Saloon Recover Schmittberger Was to Testify Against Rim Case Against Capt, Price and Ward Man Shill Dismissed. Ex-Police Captain Edward B. Carpenter, who was under indictment for bribery, will plead guilty to the charge before Justice Keogh in the criminal part of the Supreme Court to-day. His ase was called for trial in that court yesterday. but the prosecution had not gone far toward securing a jury when there was a conference between the counsel on both sides, and at the request of District Attorney Fellows, Justice Keogh adjourned court until to-day. Col. Fellows afterward said that he expected a pica of guilty this morning. The ex-Captain's lawyers, Friend & House, would not deny that such a

plea would be entered. Carpenter was in court.



EX-CAPT. EDWARD B. CARPENTER,

The indictment against Carpenter was filed by the Extraordinary Over and Terminer Grand Jury in March last. He had retired from the force. The specific charge against him was that on March 1, 1891, while Captain of the East Eighty-righth street station, he received \$1,000 from William Harms, the representative of the retail liquor dealers of the Twenty-seventh precinct, to allow them to do business in prohibited hours. It is said that the prosecution had an exceptionally strong case. Besides the testimony of Harms, they had ten reputable saloon keepers who were to testify that they contributed regularly to a fund for the Captain and kept their places open in violation of the law. Then, too, there was the evidence of Capt. Max Schmittberger, who, although under in dictment himself for alleged bribery, is still

Max Schmittberger, who, although under indictment himself for alloged bribery, is still allowed to remain in communit of a precinct. Schmittberger was to testify, it is said, to the fact that when he was sent to the East Eighty-eighth street station to succeed Carpenter the latter told him of his arrangement with the liquor dealers, and said hejwas getting \$1,000 to \$1,200 a month from them.

The maximum benefity is ten years. It is expected that Carpenter will get a light sentence. Court will convene at 0:300 clock this morning.

Ex-Capt, Carpenter was called at one time the Chesterfield of the police force. He is nearly 500 years field and was an expressman before tall and of commanding presence. He is nearly 500 years field and was an expressman before the became a policeman in August, 18:9. He was appointed captain on June 30, 1887. He succeeded Capt, Grorge Washburn in the command of the sub-station at the Grand Central Station. Afterward he was transferred to the Oak street station. It was while he was here that he compelled ex-floundsman Goodwin to resign rather than be tried for intoxication. Goodwin brought suit against the Poince Commissioners, and, after a loop legal fight, got his place again with five years' tack saiary. He has since been dismissed from the force for intoxication. Carpenter was sent from the Oak street station. This precinct is largely pipulated by Bohemiaus, and saloms are almostator there. It is here that they call a police Captain a "pantata." Capt, Carpeter was known as a Republican Captain. He all a police Captain a "pantata" Capt. Coter was known as a Republican Captain.

penter was known as a Republican Captain. He was retired upon his own application on a pension of \$1,370 a year. Since his retirement he has been colorling life on a comfortable farm at Nyark. It was said yesterday that he was arrancing his affairs in expectation of being sent to prison. He is under \$10,000 bail.

In Nyack Capt. Carpenter invested in property five years ago, buying a six-acre lot on Brondway, a mile and a half from the railroad station. He paid \$4,000 for the property, and bufft on it a house costing \$8,000. The property is mertgaged for \$5,000. When his son was married two years ago the sen bought a lot half the size of his lather's adjoining his, and built a house on it. The exclaptain and his wife have lived very quelty since taking up

nd pair. Capt. Killilea's trial will be called to-day. He Capt. Killifea's triat with necessing is under indictinent for bribery in accepting \$100 from the managers of Manhattan Field at the Yale-Princeton football game of 1802, for afforcing extra collectments at the grounds.

Col. Fellows moved yesterday for the dismissing of the incommentation of the indictments against Capt. James K. Frice, and his ward man, Henry W. Shill, formerly of the West Thirty-seventh street.

At the meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Alderman Officege providing that from May Alderman Officege providing that from May 15 to Oct. 15 the railroad communics be comformerly of the West Thirty-seventh street station. Both were indicted on complaint of Jared Plang, Jr., the real estate dealer, who was convicted recently before indige Newburger, in the General Sessions, of renting falts for immoral purposes. Flagg alleged that he was obliged to pay Price and Shill for the protection of his flats. Col. Fellows and the evidence against Price and Shill was hosufficient to secure a conviction. The Justice thereupon granted the motion. Price and Shill have been under suspension.

Col. Fellows then almoniced that he intended to mave for the dismissal of the indiciment against Edward Glemon, Cap. Devery's former ward man, who is charged with attempted extertion on complaint of Frances W. Searrist, Jr. Capt. Devery was acquitted of a saminar charge recently, and the evidence was the same in Glemon's case.

WHITELAW REID'S HEALTH.

He Is as Strong and Well as He Has Been for Ten Years Past,

The Artzona Republican on April 25 published obtained by a reporter of the new-paper just as The reporter asked Mr. Reid several questions about his health, and in replying to the inquiries Mr. Reld said :

"Oh yes, I am as strong, and so far as I can myself tell am quite as well as at any time for ten years past, with one exception. Every now and then something reminds me that I am ter To the short interview were appended some

To the short interview were appended some statements by the remoter about Mr. Reid's stay in Arizona, including the following:

"The remoter learned of two little teips made by Mr. Iteld in the Sait River valley this week which show how little of an invalid he is now, whatever he may have been when he came. Three days ago, between a late breakfast and an early dinner, he drove -'xiy miles up the vailey to the Arizona dam and back, and then spent the evening entertaining his felends. The day before starting he took a little horseback ride of before starting he took a little horseback ride of revening entertaining his friends. The day her starting he took a little herseback ride of

HE WAS ANNIE ANDERSON'S LOVER. Harry Laster Wrote the Letter Which She Held When Killed.

ORANGE, May 11. Harry Larter of to March avenue, East Orange, was the writer of the letter Annie Anderson held in her hand when she was shot and killed on Saturday by Joseph nut street, Newark, where his uncle, Harry hat street, Newara, where his uncle, harry Lee, lives. He says he had known her for two years and had been in love with her during that period. Larter is about 25 years of age, and has been employed by the Sprague Pratt Electrical Elevator Company at Watershing.

Authors' Housen arming.

The American Authors' Guild, having pro vided Itself a new tome at 226 West Fiftyeighth street, will have its housewarming to marrow evening. Dr. Chauncey M. Depew is on the programms for a speech. Frederic H. Coudert is expected to say something about What I know of lawyers' commissions. "What I know of lawyers combissions."

Joel Beston has written a posm for the occasion. The sen of the author of "Tra Thousand
a Year" will have something interesting to say
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Bolt fame, it is whispered, has a new version,
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A Brooklyn Boy Stabs a Girl. While eight-guar-old Luiu Hand was skipping a rope last night in front of her home at 350 Second street, Brooklyn, thirteen-year-old Fred Henning of 234 Second street, asked her to lend him the rope. Her refusal to do so surared the boy, and drawing a knife he cut her on the left hand and then ran off.

TAMSEN DENIES THE CHARGES, And Protents Against Seing Compelled to

Respond to Such Acrusations. ALBANY, May 11. Sheriff Tamsen of New York city to-day filed with Gov. Morton his answer to the supplemental charges which were filed against him. In his answer the Sheriff

BILLY'S!

"When answering the charges previously preferred against me, and which have been referred to the Hon. W. H. Robertson as Commissioner, I protested that the charges then made were of such frivolous character that they only could have been made under misapprehension or for matter. The proceedings thus far had before Judge Robertson plainly show their unsubstantial nature, and the eltizens who signed these charges most o them at least have arrayently become convinced of their want of foundation, for their names do not appear at the fort of those now presented. These simplementary charges are as baseless as the fermior ones."

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He then denies all of the charges, and in conclision says:

"I renew my protests against being compelled to formally respond to accusations of
this class, made without inputsy as to the law
or the facts, abounding in statements which the
eliginest imputsy could have discoved, and
which are not enforced by even the sauction of
an oath on information and belief. No miblic
officer could have bestowed greater attention,
prudence, and diligence in the discharge of his
official duties than I have done, and I am assured that my conduct of the office of Sheriff
will he every detail bear comparison with that
of my predecessors."

The Governor referred the charges to the Attorney-General.

A FREE FIGHT, FOR WHAT?

Carry and His Friends Worsted by Two Brothers in Jersey City.

Thomas Carey, 26 years old, of 74 Hoadley avenue, Jersey City, was on his way home shortly after midnight yesterday when he was met in Westside avenue by Frederick and Henry Hepner, 20 and 25 years old respectively. A fight the provocation for which is known only to the young men themselves, followed, Carey was no match, for the brothers and he

ed. About a block and a half away he met some friends and told them what had happened to him. His friends, George Dego, James Calla-han, and James Mallory, all of 123 Westside avenue, and Thomas Hurley of 228 Monticello avenue, and Thomas Hurley of 228 Monticello avenue, asked him if he was willing to fight either one of the hepper brothers, and he said he was if he had a fair show.

His friends accompanied him back to see that he got fair play. When they overtook the Hepper brothers no time was wasted in preliminary large there are no line was wasted in preliminary large. Carry demonded an explanation from Henry Hepper, and Henry promptly shocked him down. Then Frederick Homes attempted to interfere, and a goas-you-dease field followed. Somebody would probably have been killed but for the arrival of the reserves from the Communipaw avenue station in a patrol wagon. Even then a liberal use of clubs was required to bring the fighters under subjection. At the police station it was found that Calinhan had been stabbed in one leg just above the knee, and he was removed to the City Hospital. Malory's skull was partly fractured, so he accompanied Calinhan to the hospital. Carry was cut over the right eye and he had received a blow on the back of the needly her he summed him. The others had escaped with a few bruises. The prisoners are held for examination. Not one of them will tell what the fight was about.

RAN DOWN THE HIGHWAYMAN. Pursued Him a Mile at Full Speed and Re-

covered the Purse and Money. New Haven, May 11. Miss Preston, a school Clinton avenue, a sparcely settled thoroughfare of the Fair Haven suburbs, Saturday evening, when she met two powerful negroes. One of when she met two powerful negroes. One of them stood in front of her while the other statched from her band her purse, containing \$50. They then ran away in different directions, and Miss Preston entied as loudly as she could for help. Extlematy sheriff korold came to her, and as soon as he learned what had taken place he gave chase to the man who had the pockethesis. After a hard run he overhauled him a mile out in the country, and recovered the pockethesis and money, He allowed the negro to escape, however, and now the police are looking for him.

Mr. Lubin Wants a Divorce

SACRAMESTO Cal. May 11 - David Lubia funfor member of the dry goods firm of Weinstock, Lubin & Co., has filed a petition for divorce from his wife, naming ex-Mayor B. U. Steinman as coresiondent. Mr. Lubin is known as the father of the scheme to say an expert bounty on agricultural products. He has estured on the subject before a number of leading boards of Trade. The souple lave been married for twenty years, and have five children. Mrs. Lubin is now in New Orleans visiting relatives.

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Tuesday, May 12th. Sale of Ladies' Underwear.

Cambric Gowns. twith saller collar or empire design-trim-med with fine embroidery; 50 Cts. & \$1.25. Cambric Drawers,

(with ruffle of hamburg edging).

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Nainsock Drawers, (with ruffle of line embroidery). 75 Cts.,

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\$3.50., value \$5.00. China Silk Wrappers, (Colors: Heht blue, ping, lavender, white or black-trimmed with lace and ribbon).

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Business Motices.

Mrs. Winslow's Southing Syrup for children cutting softens the gums, reduces inflammation, al-ays pain, cures wind colle, diarrhosa. 25c. a bottle.

DIED.

ADRIAN.-On Monday, May 11, at his residence tieorge 8, Adrian, 41 years of age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral at the Church of Our Lady of Sor rows, corner of Pitt and Stanton sts., on Wednesday, May 13, at 10 A. M., when a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul.

Please omit flowers.

BELL.—On May 10, 1890, at the residence of her nother, Anna Wood, wife of Louis V. Bell and daughter of the late James R. Wood, M. D. Funeral from Church of the Transfiguration, Tues

BUNNER. - At Nutley, N. J., on Monday afternoon, May 11, 1896, H. C. Sunner. The funeral acryices will be held at his late residence Wednesday morning, on arrival of 9:40 train from foot of West 23d st. 19:52 from foot of Chambers st.). It is kindly requested that no flow

HERRY, ASSOCIATION OF EXEMPT FIREMEN.-Members of this association are hereby notified to meet at Church of St. Charles Horromeo, 142d st., hear 7th av. on Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M. to pay the last tribute of respect to our deceased thember, James Cherry, ROBERT R. NOONEY, President.

FRANCIS HAGADORN, F. S. DENISON, -on May 11, Lillie Florence Sweetser, wife of Dr. Charles E. Denison. Notice of funeral hereafter.

HASKFLL, On Saturday, May 9, at her residence, 16: West 86th st., Mary Frances, widow of Samuel Hacke 1 and daughter of the late Jonathan Amory Funeral services Church of the Incarnation, Tues-May 12, 10 A. M. It is requested that no

HAYS, Sunday, May 10, Louise Hays, daughter of

flowers he sent.

st., on Tuesday, at 10:30 A. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend, interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Kindly omit flowers, MEKRITT, In Stamford, Cosm. on Sunday morning May 10, Matthew Franklin Merritt, in the 83d

year of his age. The bur al service will be held at St. John's Church, Stamford, Conn., on Wednesday, May 13, at 5 o'clock P. M. Carriages will be in waiting upon the arrival of the 2 o c ock train from New York. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

MILLIGAN. On Saturday, the 9th inst., W. C.

Interment at Princeton, Ill. Chicago papers please O'REILI.Y. On May 11th, Mary O'Reilly, beloved wife of Hugh O'Reilly, at her residence, 45

West 10th at. Relatives and triends are invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday, May 13, at St. Francis Xavier's Churon, at 10 A. M., where a solemn high mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of her soil. Interment in Calvary. PERKINS.—On Monday, May 11, at 4:20 P. M.,

Samuel M. Perkins of 906 Greene av., Brooklyn. Notice of funeral later. SHAW. Suddenly, May 9, 1896, William Shaw. Chief of the Sixth Battalion, Fire Department of

New York. Services will to held at his late residence, 410 West 15th at. Monday evening, lith inst., at 8 o'clock. Funeral Tuesday, the 12th, at 11 A. M. His rriends and the following are respectfully invited: Fire Department of N. Y., Officers' Association of F. D., N. Y.: the Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 248, A. O. U.

W., Chelsea Hook and Ladder, No. 2 Association. SI.OAN. William S. son of Samuel and Margaret Elmer dorf Steam, in the 37th year of his age. Funeral services at the South Dutch Church, corner of listh at, and Madison av., Wednesday morning May 13, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Garrisons,

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ALCHNI OF COLUMNIA COL-Members are requested to attend the funeral services of William & Sloan, late Secretary of the association, from the South Dutch Church,

Wednesday, May 13, at 10 o'clock. WILLIAM O. LATHROP, JR., President, WILLIAM T. LAWSON, Secretary. STORRS .- At the Park Avenue Hotel, on Monday, May 11, 1898, Bichard A. Storrs.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday, the

13th inst., at the Fourth Avenue Presoyterian Church, 22d st, and 4th av., at 3 o'clock P. M. In TIEMANN, Suddenly, on Sunday, May 10, Ed-

Fun rai private. 1896, majamu Urner, aged 61 years.

Funeral services at his late home in Fanwood, on WILCOX, "Nuddenly, at his residence, 1.050 Lexington av., on Saturday, May is col. Vincent Melge

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THE SALVATION ARMY, 107 East und at. Special Service led by Bro. Blursaten, the Swedish Lenor, to night at a o clock. Auxiliaries and friends cordinly invited.